

**Montana Wheat and Barley Committee**  
**Winter Board Meeting and Research Review**  
**#108 Plant Bioscience Building, MSU**  
**Bozeman, MT**  
**February 20-21, 2013**

The following were present for either a portion of or the entire meeting:

**DIRECTORS**

Bruce Myllymaki, Director  
Randy Hinebauch, Director  
Frank Schoonover, Director  
Tom Siderius, Director

Buzz Mattelin, Chairman  
Leonard Schock, Director  
Chris Kolstad, Vice Chairman

**EX-OFFICIOS**

Dr. Jeff Jacobsen, Dean; MSU College of Agriculture and Director; Montana Ag Experiment Stations  
Director Ron de Yong, Montana Department of Agriculture  
Byron Grassman, Manager, Mountain View Co-op

**STAFF**

Kim Falcon, Executive Vice President  
Kolleen Spurgin, Administrative Financial  
Assistant

Tammy Suek, Administrative Assistant

**GUESTS**

Deputy Director Joel Clairmont - Montana Department of Agriculture  
Matt Flikkema - Vice President, Montana Grain Growers Association (MGGA)  
Chad Lee – Business Development Officer, Department of Agriculture  
Bruce Nelson – State Executive Director, Farm Service Agency  
Terry Whiteside – Whiteside & Associates  
Joyce Swartzendruber - State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Jeff Rumney – Bureau Chief, State Grain Lab

**Wednesday, February 20, 2013**

**Chairman Buzz Mattelin** called the meeting to order at 7:50 am. He called for public comment and heard none.

A motion was made to switch the times for Paul Stoy and Deanna Nash on the agenda.

Director Schoonover made the motion to adopt the tentative agenda with the change and Director Myllymaki seconded it. The agenda passed unanimously.

MSU reports included:

Thayer Conference Room (108 Plant Bioscience Building)	
7:55	Opening Comments, Jeff Jacobsen

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8:00	Alan Dyer - Grant 4W4095 (Prebreeding for root health in Montana's winter wheat)
8:20	Joyce Eckhoff – Grant 4W4107 (Early generation durum selection and germplasm improvement)
8:40	Deanna Nash – Grant 4W4096 (Improved quality of Montana hard red and hard white wheat)
9:00	Jack Martin – Grant 4W4104 (Improving dough and extensibility properties of Montana wheat with new glutenin mutations)
9:20	Olga Walsh – Grant 4W4099 (Sensor-based nitrogen fertilizer algorithm for winter wheat varieties)
9:40	Luther Talbert – Grant 4W4092 (Spring wheat breeding and genetics)
10:00	Coffee Break
10:20	Li Huang – Grant 4W4103 (Molecular markers for breeding resistant wheat cultivars with new rust resistance genes)
10:40	Jamie Sherman – Grant 4W4094 (Mining for markers for marker-assisted breeding)
11:00	Dave Wichman – Grant 4W4112 (Evaluation of barley, spring wheat and winter wheat cultivars for post-harvest seed dormancy)
11:20	Mary Burrows – Grants 4W4101, 4W4110 & 4W4111 (Foliar fungicide in dryland winter wheat, Reprint of Wheat Diseases ID booklet & Role of fungicide and winter wheat variety in low falling numbers)
11:40	Mike Giroux – Grant 4W4098 (Selection of hard spring and winter wheat with no polyphenol oxidase activity)
12:00	Lunch Break
12:40	Phil Bruckner – Grant 4W4113 (Winter wheat breeding/genetics)
1:00	Ron Larson – Grant 4W4116 (Montana Seed Lab equipment purchase)
1:20	Gadi Reddy with John Miller – Grants 4W4143-8 (Evaluation of various materials and practices contributing toward economics crop production under flexible, continuous and other cropping systems in Montana)
1:40	Kevin Wanner – Grant 4W4100 (Managing wireworm damage to wheat and barley, a growing problem in Montana)
2:00	Fabian Menalled – Grant 4W4105 (Weed seedling identification guide for Montana and the Northern Great Plains)
2:20	Tom Blake – Grant 4W4093 (Identifying and developing improved barley varieties for Montana)
2:40	Coffee Break
3:00	Perry Miller – Grant 4W4106 (Diversified cropping systems: high and low input strategies)
3:20	Paul Stoy – Grant 4W4114 (Atmospheric transport, water use, and carbon sequestration in MT wheat fields: technology for improved management)
3:40	Kent McVay – Grant 4W4108 (Intensified Dryland Cropping Systems for Southern Montana)
4:00	Bob Stougaard – Grant 4W4102 (Orange wheat blossom midge management)
4:20	Dave Weaver – Grants 4W4091 & 4W4097 (Wheat stem sawfly IPM: developing new forms of host plant resistance and implementing IPM systems statewide; Parasitoids of the wheat stem sawfly: augmentation, impact and education)
5:00	Closing comments, Jeff Jacobsen

Buzz Mattelin adjourned meeting at 5:05 pm.

**Thursday, February 21, 2013**

***Chairman Buzz Mattelin*** called the meeting to order at 8:05 am. He called for public comment and heard none.

A motion was made to amend the agenda to move Cort Jensen to 8:30am so he could speak to the board using the speakerphone from Helena.

Director Schock made the motion to adopt the tentative agenda with the change and Director Schoonover seconded it. The agenda passed unanimously.

Executive Vice President Kim Falcon presented the minutes of the December Board Meeting.

Director Myllymaki moved and Director Siderius seconded the motion to approve the minutes with changes. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Financial Report and Collection Update**

Kolleen Spurgin presented the Financial Report, discussion was held regarding collections and refunds.

Director Siderius moved and Director Kolstad seconded the motion to approve the December financial report. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Legislative Authority, Corn Checkoff, Trademark, Board Protocol**

Cort Jensen talked about the trademark issue concerning the name and how almost all containing Montana Wheat were taken; he suggested a made-up word or contacting the Department of Commerce about using Montana Grown and a description. Cort will investigate further and have a recommendation by summer meeting in June.

He then gave a brief overview of what is happening to the Legislative Authority.

Cort discussed a possible corn check-off and the implementation process. Kim commented that there could be a possible \$300,000 from corn next harvest.

Board Protocol for executive session and travel were discussed. Executive session should only be used to discuss Legislative action or discipline of an employee or board member. Traveling with a spouse or family member is fine as long as they pay their own way.

The Transportation RFP was discussed and a clarification was made; the contract was for \$90,000 but had a spending cap of \$115,000 in case the committee ever wanted to increase the contract. The \$90,000 will be spent as of the end of March. The Directors asked Cort what will happen when the contract is out of money; Cort will perform some of the work and staff will research rates. Going forward the committee will need to decide who will handle the approval for Whiteside travel. Cort could be authorized but it may continue to cause some tension.

The board asked about the rules for interim committee conference calls. Calls should be scheduled at least two days in advance so a public notice can be sent out and it is preferable that no motions be proposed.

**“View from the Trade Report”**

Byron Grassman reported on the condition of Montana crop. The new MillerCoors elevation in Power is almost complete. Byron is now the vice chairman for the Montana Grain Elevator Association.

**MT Department of Agriculture Update**

Ron de Yong updated the board on the legislature activity including the MWBC spending authority.

**Break**

**Canadian Wheat Presentation**

Chad Lee presented information on the cost of moving wheat across the Montana/Canadian border. He developed a spreadsheet that could help producers understand the cross border price differentials.

Kim Falcon handed out a flow chart that is meant to help guide producers through the paperwork and procedures when crossing the border. Senator Tester sent a letter to address the paper barrier issues selling and buying grain across borders.

The board instructed Kim Falcon to continue to monitor the issues with Canada and work to reduce trade barriers. Regarding Canadian refunders, some have requested the paperwork but none have filed as of this meeting.

**Transportation Report**

Terry Whiteside handed out his mid-year report; he discussed the increase in rail rates. He then talked about some of the continuing cases in front of the STB.

**STB Meeting**

Director Schoonover gave an update on the STB meeting he attended in Washington DC. Multiple states were present; he felt it was a good meeting.

**Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)**

Joyce Swartzendruber discussed the budget cuts and how it affects the staffing of the NRCS. They are working on streamlining their conservation planning and will be online in 2014. The department is involved in a national movement for soil health with workshops taking place around the state.

**Farm Service Agency (FSA)**

Bruce Nelson spoke to the board about the agency plans for the next few months; there are a lot of deadlines approaching for various programs. His agency is working with the NRCS on CRP renovations and said that Montana is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest CRP state.

**Lunch**

### **Transportation Contract**

The board and Terry Whiteside had a discussion about his contract; as of the board meeting there is \$3,520 left on the contract.

### **USWA Meeting**

Director Kolstad gave his report on the meeting in Washington DC; he attended the new member orientation and gave a presentation on his trip to South American and Latin American. Director Schock reported on the Audit Committee Report. Director Schoonover commented on the BioTech meeting and Kim Falcon reported on Food-Aid.

### **U.S. Grains Council**

Director Myllymaki gave a report on the Charleston meeting. Director Mattelin talked about the Barley Sector discussion and how USGC plans to change the working group structures. Kim Falcon discussed Barley Trade Team and mission activities.

### **PNW Wheat Quality Meeting**

Kim Falcon spoke about the meeting held in Scottsdale, AZ; where she visited with Japanese buyers who let her know that they are looking for high protein wheat. Kim wanted to let Luther Talbert know that he was right (twice) in regards to Japanese buyers preference. We have decided not to participate in the Overseas Varietal Analyzes for a few years.

### **Western Barley Growers**

Director Kolstad attended the Western Barley Growers Convention in Calgary, Canada. He reported that Canada anticipates a 20% increase in malt barley acres by 2020 and barley acres in Canada are predicted down this year.

### **Wheat Quality Council Annual Meeting**

Directors Hinebauch and Schoonover attended the Wheat Quality Council in Kansas City. It was Director Hinebauch's first meeting and he thought it was a very informative. Director Schoonover thought the school lunch discussions were interesting.

### **Wheat Foods Council Update**

Director Schock reported to the board on the Wheat Foods Council. New board members were introduced and the public relations firm has been busy dealing with the fall-out of the Wheat Belly issues. Our dues for the Wheat Foods Council have been increased to \$74,600.

There was a discussion about the video "The Great American Wheat Harvest". The committee gave a letter of support for this project.

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### **National Barley Improvement Committee**

Chairman Mattelin attended the meeting held in San Diego; he informed the board that there were some brewing companies in attendance.

### **Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee Meeting**

Chairman Mattelin reported that MRRIC meeting are using conceptual models in their planning. The diversion dam on the Yellowstone River is costing more than anticipated.

### **Varietal Release Meeting**

Director Siderius attended the Varietal Release meeting in Bozeman; they released 3 new varieties. The committee voted to raise the fees on certified seeds.

Director Schock received an invitation to participate at Ag Day at the Metra Park in Billings on August 11, 2013.

### **Executive Vice President's Report**

Kim Falcon presented the Program Manager's and the Outreach Coordinator's reports. There was a brief discussion about Malteurop and their refund request. Further discussion included Ag Day at the capital on March 19<sup>th</sup>, auditors in March and information for the Governor. Randy Vogel contacted her on behalf of Representative Steve Daines regarding trade issues with the upcoming farm bill. Kim will be a speaker at the National Pasta Convention then she will travel to Miami to meet with Jorge Avila Castaneda of SAB Miller.

### **Web Grant Information**

Tammy Suek instructed the board on the use of their new laptops and how to use the Web Grants software.

### **New business**

Summer Board Meeting will be held at the Eastern Research Center in Sidney on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Jacobsen reported on the dates for the Field Days this summer:

Havre	June 26
Moccasin	July 9
Conrad	July 10
Sidney	July 18

### **Approval of in-state and out-of-state staff travel**

There was a discussion on approving travel that comes up in-between board meetings, Chairman Mattelin would like both the chairman and vice chairman to approve.

The following changes were made to the travel: move the Colombia trip to October and add Kim's trip to Miami following the National Pasta Convention the dates will be April 10-12, 2013.

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Director Schoonover moved and Director Schock seconded the motion to approve the travel with changes. The motion passed unanimously.

### Upcoming Events

Feb. 13-16	Western Barley Growers Convention – Calgary, Canada
Feb. 26	New Zealand Special Agricultural Trade Envoy – Great Falls
Mar. 3-6	Wheat Marketing Center Producer Tour – Portland, OR
Mar. 10-13	National Barley Improvement Committee – Washington, DC
Mar. 15-16	NE Montana Farm Expo – Plentywood
Mar. 17-22	World Barley, Malt & Beer Conference – Madrid, Spain
Mar. 21-22	Wheat Marketing Center Board Meeting – Portland, OR
Mar. 27-28	Wheat Commission State Executive Meeting - Portland, OR
Apr. 3-4	MWBC Budget Board Meeting – Great Falls
Apr. 8-10	National Pasta Association Annual Meeting – Palm Beach, FL
Apr. 10-12	Meeting with SAB Miller – Miami, FL
Apr. 18-19	Plains Grains Board Meeting – Bozeman
Apr. 21-24	Meeting with Molinos Modernos – Pottsboro, TX
May 21-23	Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee – Rapid City, SD
Jun. 6	Wheat Foods Council Board Meeting – Lincoln, NE
Jun. 28-Jul. 2	US Wheat Associates Summer Board Meeting – Rapid City, SD
Jul. 22-25	Wheat Quality Tour – Fargo, ND
Jul. 29-31	US Grains Council Summer Board Meeting – Ottawa, Canada
Oct.	Colombia Barley Mission

### Montana Grain Growers Update

Matt Flikkema gave a brief update on the status of National Wheat Growers Association; Bing Von Bergen is now the president of the organization.

### State Grain Lab Update

Jeff Rumney gave the update for the lab, they are busy with the open house and tours at the Plentywood office and he also attended the Organic Convention.

There was a brief discussion about NASS and the reductions in the Montana office, as well as Steve Anderson's departure.

**Call for Public Comment – none**

**Chairman Mattelin adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.**

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Kim Falcon, Executive Vice President

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Date